



MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The
First, Second, and Third
Tuesday of each month

Regular Meeting

County Courthouse,
Bridgeport, CA 93517

August 19, 2008

9:00 AM Meeting Called to Order by Chairperson Supervisor Vikki Bauer
Pledge of Allegiance led by County Administrator Dave Wilbrecht

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Hunt: Meeting with Dunkleberger – educate public re agency land politics, etc. and expansion will start having community workshops during next 2 or 3 months; Mammoth Lakes Housing meeting – town is planning on increasing planning and building fees dramatically; discussed existing deed restrictions and how they are monitored and maintained; ESTA board meeting in Bishop – severe cash flow crisis; will be an increase in fares; resource allocation – who is contributing resources and how much – need to determine what the entire system is contributing; region will be served better with regional approach;

Farnetti: phone call re non-profit issue – CAO handles this; Political issues in California believes there will be raising of taxes and changing programs to address budget deficit; could require local governments to raise revenues, etc, We should be very aware of the state budget issues

Reid: Senior center visit; Walker; Mono Basin RPAC – Letter of resignation from Dunkleberger; discussion Conway Ranch; 7 to 1 in favor of sending letter; Lee Viining community center sub-committee would like to meet with Public Works to discuss landscaping and another meeting re plumbing system to cemetery. Toured Bodie Hills with Tony Dublino-very educational; RCRC meeting tomorrow 7:00 p.m. in Sacramento. (will not be at meeting in Mammoth tonight) Comment re ESTA: if board approves line of credit or loan it is acceptable but and does not want any of that money to go to Inyo County (Bishop) etc.

Hazard: meeting in Benton- this community knows what they want and has not deviated from their vision for a long time; they have designate Hwy 6 and Hwy 120 as an economic corridor and want to encourage and protect historical areas – expand residential potential; build RV park, truck stop, more small businesses, etc. these people are consistent, etc.; Crowley Lake office hours – will miss meeting on Sept. 19th as will be on vacation, will be available by phone or e-mail; report on county website use.

Bauer: ESTA discussion – structure in place and this results in way more ability to negotiate. Service should be passed on needs as well as income. Everything was in black and white and this diffused the situation with facts.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 1) CAO Report regarding Board Assignments (David Wilbrecht)
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities.
Continuing to work on IMMMA issues-worked with Inyo and are making progress
Continue status meetings with department heads
Met with Measure R group in Mammoth – discussed “filters” for projects they anticipate will come to them. Sales Tax revenue source – there is capital but also operation cost and maintenance expenses;
Working on budget – continue to work on policy items and trying to narrow these items down
There are priority items/issues and ongoing expenses-do not want expenditures to grow with revenue but would rather see savings grow with revenue;

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- M08-169** Minutes of Regular Meeting held August 5, 2008. ***Correction:*** Item 11a M08-161 eliminate last portion that reads “*with such revisions (if any) as the Board may deem appropriate*” ***Minutes approved as corrected Hunt/Farnetti 5-0***

CLOSED SESSION

9:15 p.m. enter
9:40 a.m. break
9:45 a.m. reconvene

COUNTY COUNSEL

- 3a) Conference with Real Property Negotiators - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: 01-100-55 (Auchoberry Pit). Agency negotiators: Marshall Rudolph, Dave Wilbrecht, Brian Muir, and Evan Nikirk. Negotiating parties: Mono County and Antelope Ridge LLC. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

Mary Booher: exercise on August 23, 2008 (disaster –full scale emergency response) simulates a full scale earthquake

8:00 a.m. at Town/County conference Room – would like Board members to attend during day – no need to spend entire day; 9:15 a.m. is when “disaster” will happen – Bridgeport location is CAO conference room; CAO suggests that a conference call be set up for 9:15 a.m. so that all Board members, CAO, County Counsel are available for emergency actions that may need to be addressed. Should touch base on hourly basis re emergency resolutions, etc. that may be needed. All Supervisors need to be available throughout the exercise. Board to be either at town/county conference room or CAO conference room. Would like feedback from Board as to training.

Tom Wallace: Press release announcement re vacancy on IMAAA Board because of resignation of Betty Potterville. Hazard talked to seniors who need transportation from tri-valley and their difficulty in shopping and getting purchases onto bus and back home; Wallace states that this is an opportunity to discuss all the things our seniors need and what services will benefit these seniors most over and above the transportation issues.

CONSENT AGENDA
Hazard/Farnetti 5-0

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 4a) Letter of Support for the Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act (**David Wilbrecht**) - Letter of Support for the Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act as directed by the Board on August 5, 2008.

M08-170 **Action:** Approve the letter (with minor corrections as to spelling/grammar)
Hazard/Farnetti 5-0

FINANCE

- 5a) Mono County Investment Policy

M08-171 **Action:** Approve Mono County Investment Policy and delegate authority to invest funds or sell or exchange securities to the Treasurer/Tax Collector
Hazard/Farnetti 5-0

REGULAR AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (INFORMATIONAL)

All items listed are available for review and are located in the Office of the Clerk of the Board

CLERK OF THE BOARD

- 6a) Chamber Music Unbound - Final report for the \$10,000 grant awarded to Chamber Music Unbound in September of 2007.
- 6b) Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act - Letters addressed to the Mono County Board of Supervisors regarding the Eastern Sierra and Northern San Gabriel Wild Heritage Act
- 6c) Email letter from Mike Thornton - Email letter from Mike Thornton, with The Sierra Fund in Nevada City, addressed to Mono County Supervisors regarding mining's toxic legacy from.
- 6d) Letter from Al Heinrich - Letter from Al Heinrich, President of June Lake Advocates, addressed to Board of Supervisors regarding Rodeo Grounds design review.

- 6e) Letter from Lynn Boulton - Letter from Lynn Boulton addressed to Mono County Board of Supervisors regarding a telephone survey about the mining potential of the Bodie Hills.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - PLANNING DIVISION

- 7a) West Walker Fishing Enhancement Grant Support (**Bruce Woodworth**) - Consider support for grant application of the Central Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council for Proposition 84 for \$292,000 of funding through the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for a West Walker Fishing Enhancement Assessment and Implementation Plan.
Discussion by Bruce Woodworth encouraging letter of support from Board (with minor corrections spelling, grammar)
Grant application important revenue source

- M08-172** **Action:** Authorize Chair's signature on letter of support for Proposition 84 grant application to fund West Walker Fishing Enhancement Assessment and Implementation Plan.
Reid/Hazard 5-0

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 8a) Mono County Tourism Commission Presentation/Workshop (**Sarah McCahill**) - Receive presentation by Sarah McCahill regarding Mono County Tourism Commission Marketing Plan.
McCahill introduces members of Tourism Commission to Board.
Demonstration of new web site – Mono County.org- this is an information center for entire county.
Itemization of budget amounts –total request is \$279,000
Board members commend Tourism Commission members on the progress they have made in advertising Mono County
And enhancing tourism opportunities.

AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER

- 9a) Agricultural Commissioner Annual Report (**George Milovich**) - General review of the 2007 Annual Crop and Livestock Report, which is submitted in accordance with Section 2279 of the California Food and Agriculture Code.
Agricultural Commissioners Office promotes and protects the agricultural industry of the County, its environment, and to ensure the health and safety of all of its citizens. The department is also responsible for fostering confidence and equity in the marketplace.
George Milovich presents report.

LUNCH BREAK- 11:50 a.m.
Reconvene 1:00 p.m.

Public Opportunity to Address Board:

Tony Dublino asks for cost estimate from Sherwin fire...CAO responds: will be county cost as result of road crew activity in area. Risk Management from County is waiting for estimate for cost at this time.
Supervisor Reid comments on fire at MWTC – someone should come in and brief Board on this. CAO will contact Sheriff's Department and request briefing.

Jeff Beard, Sheriff's Department re fire situation: fire was burning behind Tioga Lodge; on 17th dual lighting strike near MWTC base...campground evacuation, pack station possible evacuation, currently fire is approx. 650 acres and still burning – partly contained. Board states that district supervisor should be notified when something occurs in their district. (Supervisor Reid should have been notified of fire in his district)

PUBLIC WORKS

- 10a) Contract Award for Crowley Lake Community Center Hardscape Project (**Kelly Garcia**) - Receive project staff report and recommendation(s) regarding bids received in response to Public Works' solicitation of bids for the Crowley Lake Community Center Hardscape Project. Consider and potentially authorize the Public Works Director to execute an agreement with White Rock Construction, Inc., as lowest responsive bidder, in an amount not to exceed \$58,537.75. Provide any desired direction to staff.
Supervisor Hazard requests that concrete be made undesirable to skateboarders (texture, spacing, etc)
- M08-173** **Action:** 1. Find the bid submitted by White Rock Construction, Inc. for construction of the Crowley Lake Community Center Hardscape Project, in the amount of \$58,537.75, to be the lowest responsive bid submitted by a responsible bidder in response to the County's Request for Bids for that Project. 2. Award, and authorize the Public Works Director, in consultation with County Counsel, to execute and administer an agreement with White Rock Construction, Inc., for said project. This authorization shall include making minor amendments from time to time as the Director may deem necessary, provided such amendments comply with the Public Contract Code, do not substantially alter the scope of work or budget, and are approved as to form and legality by County Counsel.
Hazard/Hunt 5-0
- 10b) Road Fund Review Workshop (**Evan Nikirk and Jeff Walters**) - Conduct workshop to review funding and expenses for Public Works' Road Division. Review road district responsibilities, including snow removal mileage, and scheduled state-funded road rehabilitation projects.
In preparation for the FY08-09 budget hearings, and as a follow-up to the 2/19/08 long-range Road Fund Planning workshop, a review of budget issues facing the Road Fund, including summary of road district maintained mileage; discussion of snow removal operations; comparison of revenues vs. expenses and summary of scheduled road rehabilitation projects.
- 10c) Construction Project Workshop (**Evan Nikirk and Kelly Garcia**) - Conduct workshop regarding County facility construction projects scheduled for completion during the summer 2008 season. Discuss funded near-term capital improvement projects and consider prioritizing same.
Project updates and discussions regarding improvement projects assigned to the Department of Public Works. Staff has prepared an updated schedule for completion of major repairs, renovations, and/or new construction for County facilities during the 2008 construction season. Schedule shows current project status and reflects priorities and scheduling guidance given by the Board at the July 15th meeting.
Public Works would like to review the projects and receive either Board concurrence and/or reprioritization of the short-term projects. Also, would like to revisit those near-term projects funded under the capital improvement program (CIP) and identify any new construction projects and/or receive direction from Board regarding shorter-term priorities.
Discussion as to scheduled projects as to how many are completed or at what stage of completion they are.

Board members voice this concerns on projects that have not been completed within their respective districts.
Kelly Garcia comments on projects that are completed and those that are underway.
Supervisor Reid has a problem with receiving the "Vanir" report today when budget hearings begin next week-this report has been in the county hands for 6 weeks. Too much to absorb and cannot take all of this in.
CAO comments – further ahead than ever – no reason to make any major decisions in next two weeks or even month – Board can have more time to study it – Board can defer some projects and discussions until later. This is an ongoing process. CAO feels that we have been overly-aggressive and have promised things we are unable to get accomplished. CIP discussion could be put off until mid-year.
Reid feels that some of decisions that Board will be asked to make are tied into needs of the communities. Information is too late for proper absorption.
Farnetti agrees that it is a lot to absorb and make an informed decision. Next week is too soon to hold budget hearings. Need to have state budget passed; no final decisions can be made without knowing what state is doing.
Brian Muir: we do have a mandatory obligation to pass a budget ...could pass budget without any CIP items in it; could postpone budget hearings for a week or so but must submit a final budget by September 30th
Hazard feels the overload of documents concerns more than just the budget – Need options, need to discuss with staff – huge commitment to money and does not understand options at this point.....too much paperwork.
Kelly Garcia comments that she realizes it is a lot of information but it is spread over a 20 year period – Board agrees that it is great to have good information.
Bauer states that we could proceed with budget hearings and defer all capital items proposed – could approve some items. CAO – could proceed next week and have departments report and defer CIP and policy items until later time; could pass a preliminary budget to satisfy state requirements – County Counsel states that county is allowed 60 days after State adopts its budget or until October 2nd, whichever is later, to adopt the County's budget.
Board feels that it should move ahead with scheduled budget hearings and set aside CIP items and major policy issues.
Supervisor Reid reiterates that he knows all the information is all good work – all of it is great work – it is the timeliness that he has the problem with –doesn't want to leave impression that this is not good work – it is very good work
All agree the Vanir Report is exceptional.

Budget hearings will proceed as scheduled.

3:-25 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

\$\$\$\$\$